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COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 8, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 21-B, Sheepscot River (Wiscasset, Westport Island, Edgecomb). This notice reclassifies the southern portion of Cod Cove (Edgecomb) from Approved to Conditionally Approved due to intermittent seasonal non-point pollution. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

- Sheepscot River (Edgecomb, Westport Island): south and east of a line beginning at the northernmost tip of Westport Island and running northwest to Fort Edgecomb (Davis Island, Edgecomb); AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Fowle Point (Westport Island), running northeast to the south tip of Cross Point (Edgecomb).
- 2. Wiscasset Harbor, Cowseagan Narrows and Cod Cove (Wiscasset and Edgecomb): north of a line formed by US Route 1 between the western shore of Edgecomb and the eastern shore of Davis Island; AND south of a line running from the western tip of a prominent point of land on the Edgecomb shore northwest to the tip of the railroad trestle (Wiscasset), then running west to a red painted post on the mainland (Wiscasset); AND west of a line running southeast from Fort Edgecomb (Davis Island, Edgecomb) to the northernmost tip of Westport Island; AND east of a line running southeast from the southern tip of Birch Point (Wiscasset) to the northern tip of Cushman Point (Wiscasset); AND north of the bridge formed by Route 144 between Wiscasset and Westport Island
- B. Effective immediately, due to intermittent seasonal non-point pollution, the shores, flats and waters south of a line formed by US Route 1 between the western shore of Edgecomb and the eastern shore of Davis Island are Conditionally Approved, and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from June 1 through August 31.

Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, systems or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters within the following areas:

A. Sheepscot River (Edgecomb, Westport Island): south and east of a line beginning at the northernmost tip of Westport Island and running northwest to Fort Edgecomb (Davis Island, Edgecomb) and north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Fowle Point (Westport Island), then running northeast to the south tip of Cross Point (Edgecomb).

- B. Wiscasset Harbor, and Cowseagan Narrows and Cod Cove (Wiscasset and Edgecomb): south and west of a line beginning at the easternmost point on Davis Island (Edgecomb) and extending northeast to south of a line beginning at the westernmost tip of the prominent point of land at the northeast end of the mouth of Cod Cove (Edgecomb), and then continuing running northwest to the southwestern end of the railroad trestle (Wiscasset), then running due west to a red painted post on the mainland (Wiscasset); AND west of a line running southeast from Fort Edgecomb (Davis Island, Edgecomb) to the northernmost tip of Westport Island; AND east of a line running southeast from the southeastern tip of Birch Point (Wiscasset) to the northernmost tip tip of Cushman Point (Wiscasset); AND north of the bridge formed by Route 144 between Wiscasset and Westport Island.
- C. Cod Cove (Edgecomb): east and shoreward of a line beginning at the westernmost tip of the prominent point of land at the northeast end of the mouth of Cod Cove (Edgecomb); AND north of the US Rt 1 bridge.

If you have questions, please contact Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9535, Email: Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov During weekends/holidays, contact the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Kohl Kanwit

Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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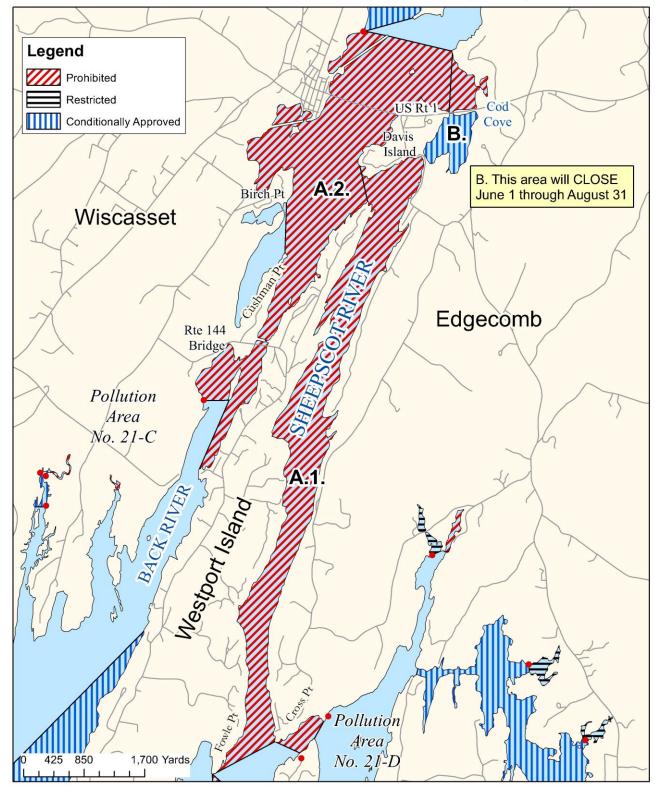


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